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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR EG JO

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WITH GOJ AND PLO

- 1. AHRAM REPORTS APRIL 1 THAT EGYPTIAN-PALESTINIAN COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN MEETINGS IN NEXT FEW DAYS IN CAIRO TO DEVELOP JOINT POSITION ON COMING STATE OF ME PROBLEM. "IT IS EXPECTED" THAT SADAT WILL CONVENE A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE PALESTINAIN SIDE JUST BEFORE THE JOINT SESSION. NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTS THAT ARAFAT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PALESTINIAN SIDE WILL CONSIST OF FARUQ QADUMI (ABU LUTF, KHALID AL-HASAN, JAMAL AL-SURAMI (PLO REP IN CAIRO), AND SA'ID KAMAL.
- 2. RELATED ITEM FROM DAMASCUS REPORTS PNC CHAIRMAN KHALID CONFIDENTIAL

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AL-FAHUM HAS ANNOUNCED PNC WILL MEET IN CAIRO DURING LAST

WEEK OF APRIL.

3. COMMENT: ALL PASESTINIAN MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ARE FROM FATAH. JORDANIAN POL COUNS HAD TOLD EMBOFF ON MARCH 30 THAT GOJ IS WORRIED ABOUT ARAFAT'S SLIPPING CONTROL OVER PLO EX COM, AND IS CONCERNED THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO DRAW EVEN SA'IQA INTO COMMITTEE. HE ALSO SAID THAT DETAILS OF HUSAIN'S VISIT TO CAIRO WERE STILL NOT FIRM, AND KING'S ARRIVAL COULD BY ANY TIME THIS WEEK. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH ONLY KING KNOWS WHAT AGENDA FOR SADAT TALKS MAY HOLD, GOJ EMBASSY EXPECTS HE WILL MAKE LONG AWAITED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PLO SOLE REP OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IF SO, TIMING OF MEETINGS OF GOE-PALESTINIAN COMMITTEE AND OF PNC SESSION WILL FUEL SPECULATION HERE THAT ARAFAT MAY, IN RESPONSE GOE URGING, BE ON VERGE OF TAKING MAJOR STEP OF REQUESTING PLO EX COM TO DRAW UP CABINET LIST FOR PNC RATIFICATION.

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